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Withdrawal Of Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Supplemental

Environmental Impact Statement for the Federal Flood Control Project For

Hunting Bayou, Harris County, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent; Withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Galveston District, is issuing this notice to advise Federal, state, and local government agencies and the public that the Corps is withdrawing its Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the reformulation of a new flood damage reduction plan for the Hunting Bayou watershed in Houston, Harris County, TX.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps of Engineers published a notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement in the August 30, 2002 issue of the **Federal Register** (67 FR 55824). Since that

time, public and resource agency involvement through meetings, changes in plan

formulation, and re-evaluation of the project have reduced the magnitude and

extent of proposed flood damage reduction remedies and associated

environmental impacts to the point that an SEIS is no longer necessary or

required. Therefore the Corps has decided to document, evaluate, and further

coordinate project impacts in an Environmental Assessment.

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